

ELECTION FRAUD CONSPIRATORS FACING PRISON

AMERICAN SHIP IS SUNK BY A MINE IN THE NORTH SEA

Washington Gets Report of Sinking of Steamer Green Brier on April 2—Crew Is Proceeding to Hamburg.

BRITISH BLAMED FOR DEATH OF U. S. CITIZEN

Germany Shifts Responsibility for Loss of Life on Falaba—Bulgarian Government Repudiates Raids.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—American Consul General Morgan at Hamburg today advised the state department that the American steamer Green Brier had been sunk by a mine in the North sea and captain and crew are going to Hamburg.

American Consul General Lister at Rotterdam cabled under date of April 3 that a message received from the consulate at Bremen stated that the steamer Green Brier, under Capt. Dalton, which sailed on April 1 from Bremer Havre for New York with a general cargo, was sunk on April 2, apparently as a result of a mine explosion near North Frisian island, Amrum.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, today received from Berlin an official message expressing the opinion of the German government that the responsibility for the death of an American citizen at the sinking of the liner Falaba by a German submarine must rest with the British government.

The message is prefaced by the statement that a report from the submarine has not yet been received at Berlin.

"However, according to trustworthy reports," says the Berlin foreign office, "the submarine requested the steamer Falaba to put passengers and crew into lifeboats when other ships came on. Lately English merchant ships have been provided with guns by the British government and advised to ram or otherwise attack German submarines. This advice has been repeated in order to prevent the German government regrets the sacrifice of human life, but both British ships and neutral passengers on board such ships were warned in time and in time not to cross the war zone.

"Responsibility rests therefore with the British government, which, contrary to international law, has caused merchant ships to offer armed resistance."

DENY RESPONSIBILITY.

BUCAREST, April 6.—Bulgaria officially denied today all responsibility for the raids made upon Serbian and Greek shipping, declaring that they had been carried out by Turkish revolutionists without the knowledge of the Bulgarian government. King Ferdinand's government lost no time in answering the Serbian note and forwarded the following official version of what really took place:

"The regrettable frontier incidents were due entirely to a revolt of the Turkish inhabitants of Dolan (Macedonian Greece) and Valandovo (Macedonian Serbia). Turkish revolutionists in large numbers attacked the Serbian police and burned several Serbian frontier posts. Then they forced a passage into Bulgarian territory."

Denial is made of reports emanating from Nish that the raids were carried out by Bulgarian committees (irregulars) officered by men from the regular Bulgarian army.

The Bulgarian government's reply to Serbia leaves no doubt as to the nation's policy. It does not desire war against Greece and Serbia, but stands for continued neutrality, according to all the signs.

USE 700 EXTRA CLERKS FOR CHICAGO'S MAIL

CHICAGO, April 6.—A new record for the handling of mail in the local postoffice was posted today. The total number of pieces passing through the postoffice was close to 4,000,000 yesterday. Seven hundred extra men were at work on the mail. The big total was attributed to Easter greetings, election circulars and an unusually large number of bills.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, April 6.—Steamers due to arrive today: Cretic from Gibraltar; Transylvania from Liverpool; Somersday from Rotterdam; Canine from Manchester; Granger from Rotterdam; Palermo from Genoa; Polynesia from Rotterdam; Lydie from Rotterdam; Pleiades from London; Libra from Gibraltar; Norfolk from Rotterdam; Colbert from Havre; Franchmont from London; Noordam from Rotterdam; Prinz Wilhelm from St. Mari; California from Balboa; Cymric from Liverpool; Isle De La Ruyne from Marseilles; Larnburg from Rotterdam.

Sailings today: Potsdam, Rotterdam; Oosterdyk, Rotterdam.

ASKS FREEDOM, SAYS MAYOR "DOUBLE-CROSSED"

NEWCASTLE, Ind., April 6.—This city was in the throes of a mild sensation today as the result of the signing of a petition to Gov. Ralston by Ollie Skinner, a prisoner in the county jail, asking that he be set free because Mayor H. Lee B. Watson had promised him "protection" but subsequently violated his word and sentenced him to six months in jail and fined him \$500 upon his plea of guilt to the charge of violating the liquor laws. Accompanying Skinner's affidavit is a petition signed by Henry county officials recommending leniency. Mayor Watson denies that he made any such promise or that he "double-crossed" Skinner.

MICHIGAN VOTERS PUT 225 SALOONS OUT ON MONDAY

"Drys" Carry at Least Eight Counties, Including Berrien, Late Returns Show—Republicans Win Offices.

DETROIT, Mich., April 6.—Returns today indicated that the dry forces won sweeping victories in the local option contests that marked yesterday's state election. Incomplete returns showed republican majorities in the light over state offices.

Michigan Voters Wet, St. Joseph, Calhoun, Emmett, Kalamazoo, Lapeer, Mason, Oakland and Tuscola. Approximately 255 saloons were put out of business by the voters.

Complete returns from Berrien county indicate that the prohibitionists won by a majority of 512 votes. This was due to the fact that the cities of Niles, St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, which were expected to return large wet majorities, went wet by only a comparatively small number of votes.

Niles went wet by 124, Benton Harbor, which was expected to pull 400 wet majority, carried by only 284, and St. Joseph, where a majority of 750 was looked for went wet by 368. Buchanan returned a majority of 131 for prohibition, and 18 out of the remaining 20 precincts went dry by majorities sufficient to overcome the wet votes of Niles, Benton Harbor, St. Joseph and two of the county precincts.

Benton, where the House of David is situated, went wet by 43 votes, due to a strenuous campaign conducted by the followers of King Benjamin.

The vote was held in order to hold 13,375 votes being cast throughout the county. The result was considered to be a great victory for the prohibition movement, as Berrien county returned a vote of 1,300 against prohibition six years ago, and has been considered one of the strongholds of the liquor forces.

The Niles city election was about evenly divided between the democrats and republicans. Charles E. White, republican, was elected mayor, defeating Fred B. Cook, editor of the Niles Star, who was the democratic candidate.

Democrat Is Clerk.

Barron Weatherly, democrat, was elected city clerk and Claude S. Smith, republican, was chosen treasurer. Three republican aldermen were elected, they being W. F. Harrah, Henry Moore and Clair Gilson. John Porter was the only democrat candidate to be elected. Herman Roebbeck, John Huff and R. C. Beall, democratic candidates for supervisor, were elected, as was C. E. Rembarger, republican.

At Benton Harbor, the new city charter, which provided for the combination of form of government, was defeated by a majority of 500.

Grand Traverse was the only county in the lower peninsula to vote against prohibition, according to the incomplete returns.

Genesee county returned a majority of 600 for prohibition, the vote in the outside precincts overcoming the wet majority returned by the city of Ellenton.

Kalamazoo is reported to have gone dry by a majority of about 700. Returns from Calhoun county with the exception of four precincts, indicate a majority for prohibition.

Britain's Royal Household Goes "Dry." Court Members Follow

LONDON, April 6.—The royal household went "dry" today for the first time in history when King George banished all alcoholic beverages from the palace until the end of the war. Leaders of the prohibition movement will try to have the term of banishment made permanent. Practically all the members of the court followed the example of the king and gave orders that all intoxicants should be barred from their households. This was the banner day for prohibition in the British Isles—the greatest day the cause of temperance has ever known. There are many who believe that the traffic in alcoholic drinks will never again be a factor in the business or social life of the United Kingdom.

When the cabinet meets Tuesday to take up the prohibition question among other measures, it is said that an official announcement will be made relative to the government's future policy on the sale of intoxicants. Since the number of volunteer ab-

Latest Bulletins From War Zone

BULLETINS.
BERLIN, April 6.—Allied airplanes operating from Belfort, made another raid over Mulheim, Baden, last night, dropping bombs which killed three civilians. It was announced here today.

ATHENS, April 6.—The Turkish stronghold of Smyrna in Asia Minor was bombed on Monday by British warships. This information was brought here today by the steamship, Arcadia.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—A protest was received by the United States from Germany today against the detention of the Hamburg American steamer, Odenwald, at San Juan, Porto Rico. The Odenwald has been detained at San Juan for some time under the neutrality regulations.

ROME, April 6.—The Tribuna publishes under a Vienna date a dispatch stating that according to the latest Austrian news the Austro German army in the Carpathians is in full retreat.

STOCKHOLM, April 6.—According to the Serial Despatch the Swedish steamer, England, en route to Stockholm, has been seized by the Germans and taken to a German port. She had a cargo of 5,000 tons of maize from South American ports assigned to the Swedish Farmers union.

AMSTERDAM, April 6.—A squadron of British warships is lying off the German naval base of Zebrugge to prevent submarines from entering or leaving. On Saturday evening the men-of-war subjected Zebrugge to a terrific bombardment.

SUBMARINE IN NETS IS DOOMED TO BE CAUGHT

PARIS, April 6.—A German submarine has been caught in the nets placed off Dover and is doomed to capture, according to a Havre dispatch to the Petit Journal. The dispatch states that the propellers of the submarine are smashed and that the craft will have to submit to capture when it rises to the surface.

ILLINOIS MINE BLAST CLAIMS ELEVEN LIVES

GREENVILLE, Ill., April 6.—With the recovery of 11 bodies it was believed today that the whole horror of the black damp explosion in the Shoal Creek coal mine at Panama yesterday was known. Nearly 400 other miners who were under the ground at the time of the explosion escaped unhurt.

STEAMER AND TRAWLER SUBMARINE VICTIMS

Northland, Ship of 2,776 Tons, Is Torpedoed Off Beachy Head in Channel.

LONDON, April 6.—The British steamer Northland, a vessel of 2,776 tons, was listed today as the 24th victim of German submarines.

Torpedoed off Beachy Head in the English channel Monday afternoon by one of the Kaiser's underwater craft, the Northland sank in 10 minutes. Her crew was picked up after they had taken to the steamer's boats.

The Northland was carrying a cargo of iron ore.

The crew of the Acantha, numbering 13, was rescued by the Swedish steamer Torsland and landed at Blythe this forenoon.

Less than two hours after the sinking of the Northland was announced a dispatch from Blythe reported the destruction of the trawler Acantha off Lowestoft, and the crew was rescued last evening. Her crew was rescued.

The Acantha was the fourth trawler sunk by a submarine within a week.

NOTE TO BRITAIN BY U. S. PRAISED FOR ITS FAIRNESS

Publication of Protest Against Embargo Order Relieves Tension Existing Since Adoption of Retaliatory Measures

ACCEPT MESSAGE IN A FRIENDLY SPIRIT

General Impression of English Press Concedes Reasonableness and Justness of American Representations.

LONDON, April 6.—Publication of the United States note of protest against the British order in council declaring a blockade of Germany has relieved a tension that has been apparent ever since England and France adopted retaliatory measures against Germany. It is now possible to state that it was feared in England that the United States would make demands much more drastic in their nature.

British officials and the English press accepted the American note as a friendly message and believe that any further differences that develop during the operations of the blockade can be adjusted without trouble.

The friendly tone of the American communication is acclaimed by the London press. The Times, after analyzing its text, declares that the note supports the attitude of the British government.

The Daily Mail says: "When all is said England has reason to be profoundly grateful to America."

Calls Note Fair.

The Daily News: "The American people are naturally reasonable and just and the distinguishing feature of the note is its friendliness and general fairness."

The Daily Telegraph finds fault with the academic tone of the note, saying: "We are not fighting so much for the principles of international law as for our existence."

The Daily Chronicle says: "We are sure the British government will do its best to meet President Wilson, but it is impossible for the allies to allow non-contraband goods to reach Germany without destroying their policy."

The Evening Standard's comment upon the note follows:

"The note was conceived in a friendly spirit. The enemy's hopes for a rupture of the happy relations existing between two branches of the Anglo-Saxon race will be rudely dashed."

Will Not Concede Demand.

The Globe says:

"We may say with complete assurance that President Wilson's demand for non-contraband goods be admitted into Germany through neutral ports will not be conceded."

"In no neutral country has the allied cause been so warmly espoused or more forcibly presented by leading men than in America," says the Westminster Gazette. "Let us always be grateful for that and refrain from criticizing a government which has all manner of difficulties that cannot be rightly appreciated in this country. The Germans, we hope, take note of this: The American assumption that we are incapable of acting as they have acted. We may say without seeming to boast that the implied compliment was well deserved."

The Pall Mall Gazette declares that there will be no disposition to complain of the contents of the American note.

AUSTRO-GERMANS BEATEN IN EASTERN CONFLICT

Russians Win Bloody Battle Extending Over from Dukla Pass to Hungary.

GENEVA, April 6.—A bloody battle which began on Sunday over a front extending from Dukla pass in the Carpathians to Eperies in Saros county, Hungary, has resulted in a decisive defeat for the Austro-German army according to dispatches received today by the Tribune. New Bavarian troops lost 15,000 men on Sunday. The Austro-German forces began a retreat and reinforcements are hurrying forward to stem the Russian advance.

Riots occurred in Budapest on Sunday it is said. Meetings were held after which the Austrian general staff was roundly denounced.

FOUR DROWNED AS AUTO PLUNGES INTO STREAM

JERSEY CITY, N. J., April 6.—A German Kniebe, one of a wealthy resident of East Orange, and three other men were drowned early today when an automobile in which they were riding toward Newark crashed through the gates guarding the open draw of the Kearney bridge over the Passaic river and plunged into the stream. The automobile contained eight passengers when the disaster occurred. The four men rescued were William L. Biddle, an Alfred Skinner of Newark; L. D. Andrews of South Orange, and Kenneth B. Hay of DuBois, Pa. The machine was owned by Biddle. He was returning from New York after attending a banquet of the alumni of Montclair academy when he picked up the other men.

Here Are the 27 Men Found Guilty

INDIANAPOLIS, April 6.—The 27 defendants who defended themselves through counsel to the end of the Terre Haute trial were:

Donn M. Roberts, mayor of Terre Haute and aspirant for democratic nomination for governor.

Elmer E. Talbott, former city controller of Terre Haute; resigned when trial began.

Dennis Shea, sheriff of Vigo county.

Maurice Walsh, county sealer of weights and measures; county treasurer of campaign fund.

Harry S. Montgomery, president board of public works.

John M. Masselink, city inspector of weights and measures; member state legislature in 1911.

Thomas C. Smith, judge police court.

George Ehrenhardt, member board of public works.

Edward H. Driscoll, secretary Vigo county democratic committee in 1914 campaign.

Hilton Redman, son of Judge Redman, reputed "machine" politician.

William Doyle, assistant custodian of city hall.

Louis Nunley, assistant city engineer.

Joseph O'Mara, city street commissioner.

William S. Crockett, employe city cemetery.

Richard Kneucker, clerk at Highland Lawn cemetery.

Alexander Accel, alias Steele, Roumanian, inspector of street paving under Roberts.

Arthur Gillis, progressive, undertaker, clerk on election board.

John E. Green, optometrist.

William Doyle, reputed gambler.

Pearl McKay, reputed gambler.

George Sovern, gambler.

Timothy (Bull) Conway, pugilist, bartender.

Andrew (Tip) O'Brien, habitue west end.

Joseph Strauss, representative of liquor dealer.

George Woodall, saloon keeper.

William P. O'Donnell, saloon keeper.

CURTIS GUILD, FORMER GOVERNOR OF BAY STATE, DIES OF PNEUMONIA

BOSTON, April 6.—Curtis Guild, three-time governor of Massachusetts and recently ambassador to Russia, died early today of pneumonia at his home in Back Bay. He was 59 years old.

His death came as a surprise to many, as he had been in excellent health and had been in the city for several days.

Mr. Guild was a member of the United States senate and a congressman when he was elected.

FIRE WRECKS PUBLISHING PLANT IN WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, Del., April 6.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Star Publishing Co. today, entailing a \$75,000 loss. The state of Delaware may figure on a big loss in the fire, as the company was printing the list of corporations which had been in the original records of all charters and corporation taxes which are believed to have been destroyed.

EXPECT BIGGEST VOTE IN CHICAGO'S HISTORY

Votes of Women Will Decide Mayoralty Contest, Campaign Mangers Admit.

CHICAGO, April 6.—The largest vote ever cast in any municipal election was expected to be recorded today in Chicago. The total eligible vote in this city is 769,106, of which 486,815 are men and 282,291 are women. This is the largest registration of any city in the country. Both republican and democratic campaign managers admitted that the votes of the women would decide the mayoralty contest.

In addition to the army of paid voters today were choosing a city clerk, city treasurer, one judge of the municipal court, and one alderman from each of 35 wards. Sixteen propositions on bond issues and annexation also were submitted to the people.

The most spectacular mayoralty campaign the city has ever witnessed was brought to a close early today. Police were busy throughout the night stamping out small riots and terminating fights in various parts of the city. Preparations were made today to handle riots on a large scale and hundreds of police were ordered to be in readiness for duty in all parts of the city. Every policeman on patrol duty had on full uniform.

In addition to the army of paid workers of the progressives and republicans, a volunteer force of hundreds of other watchers was on hand. The polls close at 4 p. m., and it was expected returns sufficient to indicate the result of the election would be in shortly afterward.

Four hours after the polls had been opened it was estimated that 40 per cent of the total vote had been cast. Nearly 300,000 ballots had been cast. Up to 10 o'clock there had been no serious trouble at any of the voting places. There were a few minor disturbances, but the rioting that had been predicted had never occurred.

ROBERTS AND CO-DEFENDANTS FOUND GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY

Jury in Federal Court at Indianapolis Returns Verdict Holding Terre Haute Men Responsible for Gigantic Frauds in Elections.

JURY CASTS ONE BALLOT ON EACH ISSUE INVOLVED

INDIANAPOLIS, April 6.—Mayor Donn M. Roberts, County Judge Elmer E. Talbott, Sheriff Dennis Shea and 24 other Terre Haute politicians today were found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the United States government in illegal acts at the last general election. Of the original 121 men caught in the federal drag net cast by the grand jury, 96 pleaded guilty. The others have been on trial before Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson for nearly three weeks. Fred Morrison, one of the defendants, changed his plea of guilty last Saturday.

William J. Schwanninger of Jeffersonville, Ind., foreman of the jurors, returned the verdict.

As soon as the verdict was read the court announced that the 27 men had been found guilty and that those who had entered pleas of guilty would be arraigned at 9 o'clock next Monday morning for sentence.

None of the men except Alexander Accel, who was unable to give bond, will be taken into custody until after the arraignment of all the others, who are under bond.

Verdict Quickly Received.

The verdict was received quietly by all the defendants and there was no demonstration.

Counsel Stanley for the defendants announced that the case will be appealed.

The conviction of the Terre Haute men marked the first attempt of the federal government in the United States to prosecute perpetrators of election frauds. The defendants at the start of the trial disputed Judge Anderson's jurisdiction in the case but the court held that the federal laws applied to the case because a United States senator and a congressman were being elected.

Jury Takes Two Ballots.

The jury deliberated but two hours last night and then took two ballots and went to bed. The first ballot was on the question "Was there a conspiracy?" The second was as to whether the 27 defendants were involved in the conspiracy.

"We didn't hang," mused Mayor Donn M. Roberts in a spirit of bravado after court adjourned, but it was only in spirit. To all appearances Roberts was deeply worried as were all the defendants by the exception of a few of the reputed gamblers.

Prior to the appearance of the jury the group of 27 defendants proved a strange study. Worry was written on every face, despite their attempts to appear confident and hopeful. Roberts could find little to say in whispered conversations to his wife and two little daughters, who were present.

Mr. Talbott, Driscoll and her daughter, Maxine, sat with Driscoll, the child playfully tossing an orange. Several of the defendants "kidded" each other and defendant Strauss, long saloon keeper, teased defendant for the others by losing his temper.

As the jury filed in a hush fell over the defendant group as a hope beamed for them.

It was an audible sigh of relief when Judge Anderson announced that the standing bonds would prevail until the convicted men appear for sentence Monday.

No sooner had court adjourned than a hasty consultation was held by the attorneys for Roberts, Redman and Shea.

Congressman Stanley announced to the court that the case will be appealed just after the verdict was rendered.

Mrs. Roberts was heard to remark: "That was the worst case of justice I ever heard of. It wasn't fair, that's all there is to it."

Judge Hedman said: "Well, we might have expected that, but of course this is not the end by any means."

A majority of the convicted men hastened from the court without making comment on the verdict.

The government's case against the 27 defendants in the conspiracy, based on the testimony of 260 witnesses and upon which the jury's verdict was based, may be briefly summed up as follows:

That Mayor Donn M. Roberts was the fountain head of the conspiracy, directing every move and coercing city employees and saloon and dive keepers into carrying out the plan.

That Judge Elmer E. Talbott helped collect the \$5,000 "shush" fund; discussed plans to bring 200 laborers to Shelbyville so as to get them to Terre Haute election day; and found there was no work at Shelbyville.

That Asst. City Controller Talbott banked in false registration applications and was paying teller for "repeaters."

That Hilton Redman was an active worker in holding up returns and carrying out plans to get rid of opposition workers through the use of slugs.

That Sheriff Dennis Shea loaned his hall day in a saloon and tied the hands of Judge Cox by refusing to serve his injunctions to prevent regularly appointed progressives from being thrown off election boards.

That John Masselink, city inspector of weights and measures, wrote out false registration applications in colored saloon.

That City Judge Thomas Smith assisted in false registrations and passed out names of qualified voters to be used by repeaters.

That Maurice Walsh, county sealer of weights and measures, paid out "shush" fund and worked hand in hand with Roberts.

That Timothy Conway pushed repeaters up the chute past opposition challengers.

Challengers Assaulted.

That Andrew O'Brien assaulted opposition challengers to aid the movements of repeaters.

That Street Commissioner Joe O'Mara bossed crooked work in the "shush" ward.

That Pearl McKay, gambler, helped get out repeaters.

That William O'Donnell's saloon was used as cashier's office for vote buying by Dennis Shea.

That Fred Morrison, city employee, approved false registrations, operating voting machines and permitted 41 names to be voted twice.

That Alexander Accel, alias Steele, city street commissioner, induced and naturalized foreigners and boys under age to vote.

That William Crockett, city employee, handled money and operated voting machines to fool voters.

That Joseph Strauss, liquor salesman, gave cards to boys to be cashed and paid out through Jack Snoddy \$150 for votes.

That Richard Knucks, city employee, was confidential agent for Roberts and messenger for "shush" money division in red light precincts.

That Art Gillis permitted several hundred fictitious names to be voted in his precinct.

Charge Machine Manipulation.

That Edward Driscoll, assistant city engineer, was active at headquarters and bought votes himself.

That George Ehrenhardt, member board of public works, deceived voters by operating voting lever and "bossed" his precinct.

That J. E. Green, optician, instructed charges are to follow.

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